

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

March 16, 2005

Members Present:

Ken Booth Joe Dziobek Cheryl Ethier

Dave Hartley Mary Varr Linda Noble

Jack Newman Carl Brunetti Bob Ericson

Members Absent:

Roberta Gosselin Claudette Lussier

The meeting began at 7:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of March 15th were distributed for review.

For the general minutes, the following notes were made:

It was noted that when Liz Gudrais requested information, the schools did comply and it was the municipal side that wanted to charge a fee to provide the information.

Also, it was corrected in the minutes that Monday is March 21st, not March 23rd.

Dave Hartley made a motion to accept the minutes. Jack Newman seconded the motion.

The minutes were accepted by a vote of 8-0 with Mary Varr abstaining as she was not present on March 15th.

School Subcommittee meetings do not need minutes, but rather only

notes for future reference. For the School Subcommittee meeting notes, the following notes were made:

Cheryl was not sure whether or not the schools have purchased the software package upgrades.

In the first paragraph, a line was reduced to \$40,000, not level funded.

The Budget Board Meeting then split into Municipal and School Subcommittees for work sessions.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Dziobek.

Carl Brunetti seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.

3/15/05 School Subcommittee Meeting Notes:

Linda Noble will ask Lori Miller to break down Certified Retirement so that the Subcommittee will be able to see the calculations used and the figures used.

Under Health Insurance, there is a 10% increase in the requested budget; however, the anticipated increase is only 4.7%. The recommended amount put forth by the Subcommittee was \$3,174,076

The Subcommittee decided to remove all expenses related to new hires from the recommended budget and then evaluate at the end whether or not they will be put in the Budget Board's recommended budget and so that they can better see the actual numbers in total included for each new position.

The Subcommittee will ask in terms of health insurance how many employees will take individual plans or family plans and how many employees opt out of taking a plan.

The rate of Workers Compensation seemed high, so the Subcommittee will ask for a justification and a copy of the policy.

The Subcommittee decided that some of the items requested in the budget should actually be items put into a bond because they are costly and/or long-term improvements.

The Subcommittee will ask for a copy of the current bond to determine what items are actually covered by it.

The Subcommittee will recommend that guardrails not be in the budget, and that bids are requested for the bleachers, as well as an evaluation of whether they are really needed.

Northern: Linda suggested funding half of each of the two requested playgrounds and leaving it up to the school through fundraising and donations to provide the remainder.

Fencing was budgeted last year, however, the money was not used for the intended project but rather an alternative project that

The Subcommittee will ask for a copy of the bids for the basketball court.

Saylesville: The Subcommittee will suggest not budgeting for the lower level bathrooms, but that the upper bathrooms do need to be done, and they will ask whether or not all 3 water fountains need replacing or just the 1 mentioned on the tour.

Central: Linda suggested putting money into a bond to create the drop-off area for the parents.

The Subcommittee decided not to suggest funding the carpet

abatement and tile. The playground will be suggested for the bond.

Middle School: Since there will be a brand new middle school in the FY 2006, the Subcommittee will not recommend funding capital improvements to the current middle school.

Lonsdale: Although the Subcommittee was in agreement that the carpeting does need to be abated and replaced, they would like to see bids for the new tiling. The teachers seem to want replacement carpeting, but Angelo had mentioned that he would like to be consistently tile throughout the schools.

Fairlawn: The Subcommittee will not recommend the funding of the lavs, but they will recommend the painting of ceilings and walls and gym lighting. The carpet does need replacement and is a safety hazard, but the Subcommittee felt that it should be replaced with tile. The Subcommittee will not recommend the funding for air conditioners.

Grounds/Capital: The Subcommittee will recommend the funding for a lawn mowing tractor, but will not recommend funding a bagger because they felt that the tractor should come with its own bagger. The tennis court reparations will be recommended to go to bond.